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The Honorable William S. Broomfield
United States Representative
2306 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Public Safety Amendment to the "FCC Authorization Bill," HR 2755

Dear Congressman Broomfield:

Since my letter of September 14, 1983 asking your support for the above amendment, I have received further information which is very disturbing to me.

Just as we are on the verge of a significant breakthrough in Congress, a group of private sector land mobile radio interests has challenged our endeavor in the form of a letter sent to members of both The House and Senate Commerce Committees. The substance is that the nationwide effort to cause the FCC to establish a priority for public safety communications is "...completely unrealistic and impractical..." and implies that our collective effort is irresponsible because it purportedly fails to recognize the needs of the entire land mobile radio community.

Contrary to the misleading inference of the industrial and transportation mobile radio user groups, the Public Safety Amendment to HR 2755 is not intended to, and does not in any way, adversely affect the potential of non-public safety private radio users to obtain additional needed frequencies.

Indeed, the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department's petition requests that the Commission make additional spectrum allocations from the 470-512 MHz band to all private land mobile radio services, only a portion of which is to be set aside for the use of public safety services nationwide.

Based upon the following excerpt from their letter, their position is clear:

"In light of the substantially greater need of all other Private Radio Service users, as compared with public safety, we are concerned that any legislation

which would appear to limit the scope of Congressional interest in the Private Radio Services frequency needs to one segment may not be in the public interest. The most desirable solution would be to treat all the Private Radio Services, including the Public Safety service, equally, if there is to be any legislation on the point."

These private sector user groups are telling Congress that it is not in the public interest to have public safety given priority in the assignment of radio frequencies.

I believe if the communities we serve had to choose a priority between public safety and the American Petroleum Institute or the American Trucking Association, The Association of American Railroads, Manufacturers Radio Frequency Advisory Committee and etc, the answer would be loud and clear.

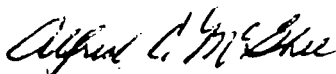
This is a crucial issue for Public Safety and your support is absolutely needed for the following:

1. The lack of available radio frequencies for public safety is a nationwide problem.
2. Public safety must be give priority by the FCC in the allocation of radio frequencies.
3. The Public Safety Amendment to HR 2755 must be adopted in its present form by the full House.
4. The Senate must adopt the House version of the Public Safety Amendment and add it to the Senate FCC authorization companion bill (S 607).

I'm sorry this letter is so lengthy but its necessary to express our position.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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cc: Senator Carl Levin
Senator Don Riegle
Senator Robert Packwood
Congressman John D. Dingell